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In re Patent Application of:  
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For: NOVEL CRUDE AND CRYSTALLINE  
FORMS OF LERCANIDIPINE  
HYDROCHLORIDE

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Examiner: P. L. Morris

**AMENDMENT IN RESPONSE TO NON-FINAL OFFICE ACTION**

MS Amendment  
Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

This amendment responds to the Office Action for the above-identified application that was mailed December 21, 2006.

It is believed that no fee(s) is required for the filing of this submission. However, should the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office determine that any fee(s) is due or that any refund is owed for this application, the Commissioner is hereby authorized and requested to charge the required fee(s) and/or credit the refund(s) owed to our Deposit Account No. 04-0100.

An **Amendment to the Specification** appears on page 2 of this paper.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims that begins on page 3 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 11 of this paper.

Reconsideration of the application is requested in view of the following amendments and remarks.